GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL FACILITIES AT SRINAGAR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Srinagar Airport has been accorded the status of an International Airport;

(b) if so, the whether the facilities to cater to the needs of the international flights are available;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the names of the foreign carriers who allowed/proposed to be allowed to operate to and fro flights from this airport?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Srinagar Airport belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a Civil Enclave. The existing terminal has got limited facilities to handle requlars international operations. However, AAI has undertaken development works such as expansion/ modification of terminal building to cater to 950 passengers at a time alongwith the provision of all the modern passenger amenities like escalators, elevators, baggage conveyor system etc. so as to cater to regular international operations. Enhancement of the aircraft parking capacity has also been undertaken to accomodate wide-bodied aircraft, which is likely to be completed by December, 2005.

(d) Operations of foreign carriers are not permitted at Srinagar airport.